

ABSTRACT

5 A plurality of optical heads each of which comprises an independent
light source and optical system are provided on the same side with respect to
a recording medium having a plurality of recording layers. Alternatively,
with respect to at least one light source in an optical head having a single
objective lens and a plurality of light sources, an optical path correction
system is provided on an optical path unique to the light source, and while
light emitted from one light source is focused on a specific recording layer by
10 shifting of the objective lens, light irradiated from another light source is
focused on another recording layer by the optical path correction system.
Thus, information can be reproduced from or recorded in a plurality of
recording layers simultaneously and an error in focusing of light onto the
plurality of recording layers can be suppressed.

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